

**INDIAN GAMING**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, after receiving testimony from Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Mark Brnovich, Arizona Department of Gaming, Phoenix; Philip N. Hogen, Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen, P.C., St. Paul, Minnesota; and Ernest Stevens, Jr., National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3397, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for take-back disposal of controlled substances in certain instances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John F. Walsh, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, John William Vaudreuil, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, William J. Ihlenfeld II, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mark Lloyd

Ericks, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Joseph Patrick Faughnan, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut, Harold Michael Oglesby, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, and Conrad Ernest Candelaria, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, all of the Department of Justice.

**PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROCESS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the passport issuance process, focusing on closing the door to fraud, after receiving testimony from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; and Brenda S. Sprague, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Passport Services.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of James R. Clapper, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 64 public bills, H.R. 5917–5980; and 16 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 307–310; and H. Res. 1570–1573, 1575–1582, were introduced. (See next issue.)

**Additional Cosponsors:** (See next issue.)

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5663, to improve compliance with mine and occupational safety and health laws, empower workers to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine and other workplace tragedies, and establish rights of families of victims of workplace accidents, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–579, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5226, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia (H. Rept. 111–580, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5626, to protect public health and safety and the environment by requiring the use of safe well control technologies and practices for the drilling of high-risk oil and gas wells in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–581, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 1574, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5851) to provide whistleblower protections to certain workers in the offshore oil and gas industry (H. Rept. 111–582).

(See next issue.)

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Loretta Sanchez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6285**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Bruce Scott, Pentecostals of South Lake, Merrillville, Indiana. **Page H6285**

**Adjournment Resolution—Senate:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 307, providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by voice vote. **Page H6306**